

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Juell Johnson has been a musician for most of his life. Juell's God given talent has provided thousands of people countless hours of pleasure; and,

WHEREAS, At the age of four, Juell played the accordion for community programs; and,

WHEREAS, Between the ages of six and thirteen, while being raised on a farm near Lodgepole, South Dakota, Juell learned to play violin, guitar, and banjo; and,

WHEREAS, At the age of fifteen, Juell played piano in a Lemmon High School dance band, and played bass horn, tenor sax and clarinet in several different dance bands; and,

WHEREAS, After graduating from high school in 1941, Juell continued to play in various dance bands around northwestern South Dakota and western North Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, In 1943, Juell joined the Army and for the next three years during World War II, and played piano in several dance and entertainment bands in the United States and Japan; and,

WHEREAS, After returning to Lemmon in 1946, Juell started playing in dance bands again in addition to working a full-time state highway job; and,

WHEREAS, For the next 23 years, Juell continued to play for dances in addition to playing bass horn with the Lemmon Clown Band, plus singing in the Legion Chorus and the Legion Quartet; and,

WHEREAS, In 1969, Juell moved to Pierre and, soon thereafter, began playing electric organ for banquets, parties, sing-a-longs, anniversaries, etc., while working a full-time job with the Department of Transportation and, also, began playing organ with a dance band; and,

WHEREAS, For the past 20 years (1969-1989), Juell has continued to show his love for the arts of music by being involved in many various musical activities in Pierre and statewide; and,

WHEREAS, Music has been a very important part of Juell Johnson's life. He has brought happiness to so many people, it is no wonder the D.M.A. has chosen to reward this great musician by inducting him into the Dakota Musicians Association Hall of Fame:

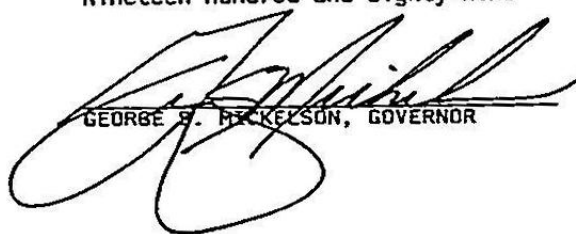
NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 13, 1989, as

JUELL JOHNSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I congratulate him on being chosen as a 1989 inductee into the D.M.A. Hall of Fame.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused to be
affixed the Great Seal of the State
of South Dakota, in Pierre, the
Capital City, this Seventh Day of
April, in the Year of Our Lord,
Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine


GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


ROYCE HAZELTIME, SECRETARY OF STATE